(a) the number of applications seeking approval of the Government for setting up of wood based industries in the forest area received, considered, accepted and rejected during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for evaluation of such applications;

(c) whether prior approval is also necessary for setting up of industry in the private forest area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (d) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

"Allotment of Land for Arforestation"

506. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarrted question No. 711, dated November 26, 1996 regarding "Allotment of forest land" and state :

(a) whether about 71 bighas of gram sabha land in village Dera Mandi (Mehrauli Block) has been allotted to M/s. Godfrey Phillips India Limited for afforestation in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the said land falls within the boundary lines of the Southern Ridge Area;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to cancel the memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and to hand over the land to the Forest Department for afforestation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Malpractices by Delhi Police

507. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Caps make Hay While Killers Stalk Roads, Agents Collect Bribes, Seniors Aware, give into Graft" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', dated December 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the positive measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check such malpractives by the Delhi Police ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There have been instances where individual Traffic Police personnel were found involved in malpractices but there is no indication that there exists any organised connivance. During 1996 alone, over 6 lakhs trucks were challaned by Delhi Traffic Police which was almost twice the number challaned during 1995. Besides, the Delhi Traffic Police carried out a major anti-corruption drive amongst its own men as a result of which 161 Traffic Policemen face departmental inquiries and other 202 officials were transferred to non-sensitive units.

IV Fluid Purchase

508. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "IV fluid purchase; Former Addl. D-G Chargesheeted" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated January 8, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Super Bazar sold IV fluid to Safdarjung Hospital at double the normal rates;

(c) if so, the reates at which the Super Bazar sold the IV fluid to Safdarjung Hospital and the rates prevailing in the market;

(d) the reasons for charging such high rates;

(e) whether there is any proposal to inquire into the matter and to bring to book the officers responsible;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damaged Goods

509. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the large quantity of damaged goods have accumulated in the Super Bazar awaiting replacement from the suppliers/manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the procedure adopted in the disposal of damaged goods ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a)